

In the Specification, please amend Paragraphs 104 and 105 as follows:

[00104] Turning now to Fig. 27, three breathing circuits, including first breathing circuit 114, a second breathing circuit 116 and a third breathing circuit 118 are shown. Although the devices each have inspiratory and expiratory tubes of comparable lengths, their total overall lengths are different due to their different states of compression. It will be noted that each of the three breathing circuits 114, 116, 118 includes a patient end connector 115 and a machine end connector 113, 117. ~~In this regard, the~~ The machine end connectors 113 ~~of the second and third breathing circuits 116 and 118 comprise filters, similar to filter 14, shown in Fig. 1, whereas machine end connector 117 of the first breathing circuit comprises a~~ comprise non-filter bearing machine ends end.

[00105] ~~Notwithstanding the differences between the machine ends 113, 117, the~~ The inspiratory and expiratory tubes are generally constructed to have the same length. The first breathing circuit 114 is shown generally in its almost fully compressed position. When in such an almost-fully compressed position, the length 114L of the first breathing circuit is significantly less than the length 116L of the second breathing circuit 116. Additionally, the length 116L of the second breathing circuit is significantly shorter than the length 118L of the third breathing circuit.